

<b>UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL</b> <small>(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))</small>		Attorney Docket No. 204489US-2
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Title	APPARATUS, METHOD AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR PERFORMING IMAGE FORMATION	
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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. §1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
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7. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
8. ☒ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76
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15. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27
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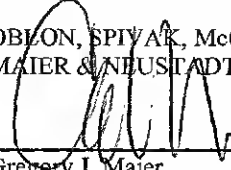
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